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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, March 29, 1876.

Notices of Firms

NOTICE.

FROM This Date Mr EDWARD SHEPPARD and Mr M. W. GLEIG, are authorized to Sign the name of our Firm per Production at Foochow, and Mr F. F. ELWELL at Amoy.

RUSSELL & Co.

China, June 1, 1877. del

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day bought the GOOD WILL of the late Firm of BROADBENT, ANTHONY & Co., and OPENED BUSINESS in the premises occupied by that Firm, under the Style of ROBERT MORE, as SHIRKLANDER, SAILMAKER, and GENERAL STOREKEEPER.

ROBERT MORE.

Hongkong, May 31, 1877. jeb

NOTICE.

M. WILHELM CARL ENGEL BRECHT von PUSTAU, Junior, and Mr CONRAD MUNROE DONNE, have been admitted Partners in our Firm from the First of January, 1877.

WM. PUSTAU & Co.

Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai, Hongkong, April 16, 1877. jv16

NOTICE.

M. EDWARD BURNIE will Conduct the BUSINESS of my OFFICE, during my Temporary Absence from the Colony.

R. H. CAIRNS,

Surveyor to Local Offices, and Lloyd's Register of Shipping, 2, Club Chambers, Hongkong, March 17, 1877. s16

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Under-signed.

WM. CRUICKSHANK,

Manager, Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I, A to K, with Introduction. Royal 8vo, pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN ETEL, PhD. Tübingen.

Price: TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF.

To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., Hongkong and Shanghai, and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have just Received an Invoice of COPE, BROTHERS & Co.'s TOBACCO and CIGARETTES. COPE'S GOLDEN CLOUD. COPE'S BRISTOL BIRD'S EYE. COPE'S SMOKING MIXTURE. COPE'S PEERLESS CIGARETTES. COPE'S BOUQUET CIGARETTES. COPE'S FAIRY CIGARETTES. COPE'S FANCY BRILLIANTS. COPE'S WHIFFS. Hongkong, May 25, 1877. jv22

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

HENRIOT & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, Carte Blanche "Dry," TH. ROEDERER & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, Carte Blanche, JOHN DURAND & Co.'s CLARETS and WHITE WINES. STARTUP & KENTISH'S PORTS and SHERRIES. MOULIN & Co.'s COGNACS, 1, 2, 3 Stars. BLANCHY FRÈRES & Co.'s COGNACS. JUSTUS LEMBIKE & Co. Hongkong, April 9, 1877. jv9

FOR SALE.

THE IRON SCREW STEAMER
"ALBAY."

THE above Steamer was Built in Glasgow in 1872 by Messrs BROWN & Co., under special survey of LLOYD'S, and Her MACHINERY and BOILER were made by Messrs JAMES HOWDER & Co., under special inspection. She was constructed to carry a large Cargo on a light draft of water, and is well adapted for the Philippine, China, or Japan trade. She underwent general Repairs in 1875, when NEW SAILS, RIGGING, and a complete outfit were supplied by the HONGKONG and WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, and in March of the present year her Engines and Boiler were thoroughly overhauled.

DIMENSIONS.—Length between Perpendiculars, 170 feet. Beam, 26 feet 3 inches. Depth of Hold from Ceiling to Main Deck, 9 feet 5 inches. Height from Main Deck to side of Awning Deck, 7 feet 4 inches.

GROSS TONNAGE.—550 Tons.

CLAS.—Built to Class 100 A at Lloyds.

RIG.—Brig Rigged.

CARGO CAPACITY.—About 9,000 piculs, or 625 tons Measurement (40 feet.)

DRAFT.—Light 9 feet: Loaded 12½ feet.

SPEED.—Eight knots on consumption of 8½ to 9 tons of coal per 24 hours.

BUNKER CAPACITY.—75 tons coal.

CABIN.—Under Awning Deck aft; saloon, pantry and five state rooms, with accommodation for 12 first-class passengers.

MACHINERY.

ENGINE.—A pair of Howden's patent High and Low pressure Engines of 90 Horse Power nominal; High Pressure Cylinder 25 inches, and Low Pressure Cylinder 45 inches in diameter; Stroke 30 inches.

PROPELLER.—Beecham Steel of 4 Blades, with One Spare Set of Blades.

WINCH.—One Steam Winch with Donkey Boiler on Deck.

BOILER.—One Horizontal Tubular Boiler 11 feet diameter, with 3 Furnaces, tested for a working pressure of 60 pounds.

MORRIS & RAY.

Hongkong, March 29, 1877.

FOR SALE.

A MARINE ENGINE of 20 Horse Power Nominal, High and Low Pressure, with Extra SURFACE CONDENSER and TUBULAR BOILER. Consumption, 2 Tons per 24 Hours.

The Engine is quite new; was manufactured by Messrs Matthew Paul & Co., Dumbarton, and is now deposited in the Godown of the late firm of Russell & Sturges, Manila.

Particulars may be obtained on application to

MORRIS & RAY.

Hongkong, March 28, 1877.

AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 11th June, 1877, (or Private Sale before the Day of Sale), at 2 p.m.—

The well-known Tavern called the "STAR TAVERN," situated in Queen's Road West, No. 200, with FURNITURE, FIXTURES, LIQUORS, &c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7.

J. M. GUEDES, Jr., Auctioneer.

Hongkong, May 23, 1877. jv11

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. M. Naval Storekeeper, to sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 13th day of June, 1877, at 11 o'clock a.m., at H. M. NAVAL YARD.—

SUNDRY CONDEMNED NAVAL and VICTUALLING STORES, and PROVISIONS.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG.

Government Auctioneer.

Hongkong, June 2, 1877. jv13

PRICES.

CASE OF 50 QUARTS (STONE BOTTLES) \$10

" 50 PINTS (") \$8

" CASES, 5 DOZ. SODAWATER BOTTLES \$15

N.B.—Stone Quart = 3 Sodawater Bottles,

" Pint = 1/3 "

\$2 Allowed for the Sodawater Bottles, if Returned.

GEO. SMITH & Co., Agents for China and Japan.

NORTON & Co., Agents in Hongkong.

May 9, 1877.

Intimations.

THE GIANT CHANG OUTDONE.

VOW SHAN, the Great CHINESE GIANT of Modern Times is now on EXHIBITION at No. 42, Hollywood Road. This Giant is well-proportioned, and in regard to size and general appearance bears CHANG hollow. He is a native of Kwang-si, and is only 22 years of age. Such a Giant is not to be often met with, and he Deserves a Call. Doors Open throughout the Day and in the Evening.

ADMISSION—FIFTY CENTA.

Hongkong, June 2, 1877. jv9

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

The Steamship "OCEAN," Capt. JAQUES, will leave for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 7th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 1, 1877. jv7

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.

The A 1 British Barque "NOVELTY," Captain COLIVER, having the greater portion of her Cargo engaged, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ROZARIO & Co.

Hongkong, May 10, 1877.

Notices to Consignees.

CASTLE LINE OF STEAMERS.

GORDON CASTLE, FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THIS Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed, at their risk, into the Godowns of Mr A. MC. HEATON, whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to receive their Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary is given before Noon To-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 9th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ADAMSON, BELL &

Intimations.

PIANO TUNING.

MR. A. HAHN, PRACTICAL PIANO MANUFACTURER, REPAIRER, and TUNER, begs leave to inform the Community of Hongkong of his arrival at this Port on a visit, and that he is now Prepared to TUNE and REPAIR PIANOS, HARMONIUMS, Etc., at Moderate charges, during his short stay.

Orders left in care of Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., or Messrs CHAS. J. GAUFF & Co., will meet with prompt attention.

Hongkong, May 23, 1877.

A THOROUGH CORRESPONDENT and ARITHMETICIAN Desires an ENGAGEMENT.

"Activity," care of this Office.

Hongkong, May 26, 1877.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ROSSINA, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. C. W. Hansen.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

TULLOCGORUM, British 3-m. schooner, Captain Mason.—Weller & Co.

HANNAH LAW, British ship, Captain R. Greig.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

VESTA, German barque, Captain R. Dicks.—Melchers & Co.

HANNAH & MARY, British barque, Capt. A. Smith.—Order.

FORMOSA, German barque, Captain Schweer.—Melchers & Co.

BARBARA TAYLOR, British schooner, Captain John Taylor.—McEwen, Fricke & Co.

Hongkong, June 4, 1877.

To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION,
OF
ENGLISH AND COLONIAL-MADE
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
A SPLENDID GRAND CONCERT
PIANO.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

ON
SATURDAY,
the 16th day of June, 1877, at 2 p.m.,
at No. 5, Chancery Lane.—

The whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE of a Gentleman leaving the Colony, Consisting of: English-made Covered Couches and Chairs, Drawing-room Marble-top Centre and Side Tables, Engravings, Curtains,

Dining Table, Whatnots, Side Boards, Chairs, Dinner and Dessert Services, Plated and Glass-ware, Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Chest of Drawers, Marble-top Washstands, Toilet Tables and Glasses, Cheval Glass, &c., &c.

Also, A Fine, and in splendid condition, A Grand Concert PIANO, by COLLARD & COLLARD, late of the "City Hall." See Catalogues.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17. All Lots with all faults and errors of description, at Purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. GUEDES, Jr., Auctioneer,
Hongkong, June 4, 1877.

Bad weather near Parcels and thick rainy weather throughout with a heavy cross sea. The British steamer *Penedo* reports: In Hoilow on 28th/29th and 30th, had heavy N.E. gale. Then moderate weather, with light N.E. wind to E. from port to port.

The British steamer *Chinkiang* reports: Light winds and fine weather throughout the passage. Passed S. S. *Fugue* at 10 a.m. of the 30th ult., a French Mail Steamer at 6 p.m. of the 1st inst., and S. S. *Amoy* at 5.30 a.m. of the 2nd.

The British steamer *Macgregor* reports: From Saigon to Cape Padar light S.W. winds, from thence to Hongkong fresh N.N.E. winds and fine weather.

The British steamer *Glaucus* reports: Fine weather throughout the passage.

The British steamer *W. Cores de Vries* On the 29th May experienced very heavy weather from the N.E. blowing nearly to a gale and heavy sea, and after 24 hours steaming found that the vessel had made no head-way. On the morning of the 30th put into Seong Sooy Bay on the coast of Hainan for shelter. Proceeded again at noon of the 31st, and arrived here this day with light N.E. winds and fine weather.

The British steamer *Argyll* reports: From Singapore thick and rainy weather with variable winds and calms.

The British steamer *Glengyle* reports: Left Singapore May 26th at 4 p.m., and had moderate S.W. monsoons till 31st. Variable and equally with rain remainder.

The British steamer *Pernambuco* reports: Moderate S.W. winds to Cape Padar, Northerly winds to Parcels, with thunder and lightning and gloomy weather, afterwards moderate N.E. winds to Laodone, and rainy to port.

FRIDAY, June 15.—

3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

SATURDAY, June 16.—

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, at No. 5, Chancery Lane.

TUESDAY, June 19.—

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, June 6.—
2.30 p.m.—Meeting of the Legislative Council.

THURSDAY, June 7.—
3 p.m.—Ocean leaves for Singapore and Penang.

FRIDAY, June 8.—

Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.

SATURDAY, June 9.—

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Goods per *Gordon Castle* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SUNDAY, June 10.—

Emuy leaves for Amoy on or about this date.

MONDAY, June 11.—

2 p.m.—Sale of Goodwill, Furniture, Fixtures, Liquors, &c., of the "Star Tavern."

Goods per *Glengyle* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, June 13.—

11 a.m.—Sale of Sundries at Govt. Store.

Feronia leaves for London and Hamburg on or about this date.

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England. The following extract from a speech by Sir Stafford Northcote, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on the 24th April, however, appears to us to satisfactorily dispose of that idea.

It is difficult to my mind to conceive a House of Commons which could for any great length of time be at variance with the feelings of the country. (Hear, hear.) It is true we hold our seats for a certain number of years, and for these years it is within the constitutional right of the House of Commons to adopt measures and to advocate a policy which might be opposed to the general feeling of the country, but though such a thing is theoretically possible, I believe it to be practically impossible. (Cheers.) Can it be supposed that the feeling of the country would not express itself in its action on the House of Commons? (Hear, hear.) I am perfectly convinced that discord which is supposed by some with whom the wish is father to the thought to prevail between the country and the House of Commons is entirely imaginary.

A MINUTE by the Governor, published in the *Government Gazette* of Saturday, inauguates the first important change that has been introduced by His Excellency in the administration of this Colony—at least the first that has been made public. The minute states that, "as a general rule, all appointments at the disposal of the Governor in the Civil Service of the Colony will be given by a system of competitive examinations, similar to that which was established for the Civil Service of the United Kingdom by Her Majesty's Order in Council of the 4th June 1870." Any young man in the Colony, it is added, can compete for such appointments, but each candidate must satisfy the Board of Examiners that His Excellency will from time to time nominate.

1st. That he is within the limits of age prescribed for the situation or employment to which he desires to be admitted;

2nd. That he is free from any physical defect or disease which would be likely to interfere with the proper discharge of his duties;

3rd. That his character is such as to qualify him for such situation or employment;

4th. That he possesses the requisite knowledge and ability to enter on the discharge of his official duties.

This is a change that is based on sound principles, and done that will, we think, meet with general approval. As the minute states, a system of competitive examinations for Civil Service appointments was established at Home as long ago as 1870, and we notice that within the last two months a similar system has been adopted in the Colony of Victoria. The new arrangement will probably affect, either directly or indirectly, between thirty and forty appointments here each worth from £500 to \$3,000 per annum, the average value being nearly \$2,000. Notwithstanding the assertion in the minute that "as a general rule, all appointments at the disposal of the Governor in the Civil Service of the Colony will be given by a system of competitive examinations," we presume it is not the intention of His Excellency to deal in this way with some of the higher appointments in the various departments. It is this His Excellency's intention we fancy some of the subordinate Government employees in the Colony would very soon arrive at the conclusion that they possessed a grievance. Supposing, say the chief clerk in the Treasurer's Department were to resign, we imagine the vacant post would not be thrown open to competition, and the present second clerk's prospect of succeeding to the position spoilt, because, although he had the best possible knowledge of the actual requirements of the post, yet in certain educational particulars he was surpassed by an outside competitor. His Excellency will no doubt follow the usual course, and merely throw open to competition those vacancies remaining after deserved and suitable promotions have been made. Following the minute in the *Gazette* is a notification that a competitive examination for a vacant clerkship in the Registrar General's Office will be held on the 7th June in the Council Chamber at the Government Offices, the salary of the vacant post being \$15 per month. This is rather a small beginning, but the principle of the system holds as good in small appointments as in large ones. The result of the application of a competitive examination to the candidates for this appointment will probably be that among the natives in the Colony whose aspirations do not rise beyond \$15 per month, the one best fitted for the post will be selected, instead of one whom somebody thought would do for the work, and who was accordingly recommended for appointment. The Right Reverend Bishop Burdon, the Hon. Cecil C. Smith and Mr. Ng Achoy are stated in the *Gazette* to have consented to act as a Board of Examiners into the qualifications of the candidates for the post, and the examinations we are further told, will mainly consist of translations from Chinese into English and English into Chinese. A few weeks ago it was notified in the *Gazette* that the Governor had been pleased to direct the publication of the names of the Government Board of Examiners in the Chinese language, namely, the Hon. Cecil C. Smith, the Rev. E. J. Etel, Ph.D., and Messrs Stewart, Russell, and Lister. It is somewhat singular that only one of these gentlemen is to take part in this first competitive examination here for the civil service of the Colony. It is also noteworthy that the examiners are to lay before the Governor the names of the three candidates whom they may determine to be the best, and from these three the Governor will select the person to be appointed. Supposing there are only three candidates, the Governor will be able to make his choice of them, and the examination will be valuable only as an indication of competency.

THE REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.
[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."
(Via Southern Route.)

THE WAR.

LONDON, 31st May, 1877.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

There are vague rumours of peace negotiations being opened through the mediation of Germany.

GERMANY AND FRANCE.
Alsace and Lorraine are being reinforced.

LONDON, 1st June, 1877.

DISSOLUTION PROPOSED.

A great Liberal demonstration has been held at Birmingham, at which Mr. Gladstone challenged the Government to test the opinion of the country on the Eastern Question by a dissolution of Parliament.

THE RECAPTURE OF ARDAHAN.

The news of the recapture of Ardahan by the Turkish troops is officially confirmed.

THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

Sir Harry St. George Ord (formerly Governor of the Straits Settlements) has been created Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Legislative Council will meet on Wednesday, the 6th June, at 2.30 p.m.

THE M. M. steamer *Hoopy*, with the outward Mails, left Singapore yesterday (Sunday) afternoon.

The steamers *Glenartney* and *Tartar*, from Hankow, are reported to have passed Woosung on Sunday evening, 27th May.

We would remind members of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong that a meeting of emergency is to be held to-morrow night.

We are requested to announce that Mrs Pope Hennessy will be "at home," on Wednesday next, June 6, from 5.15 to 7 p.m.

JAPAN was admitted to the Postal Union on the 1st instant, and so far as the Suez route is concerned, the same rates of postage will be charged there as in Hongkong.

THE members of the Humane Society held a parade on Saturday afternoon, at Duddell Street, their Head Quarters. An expert from the *Victor Emanuel* gave them instruction in the use of the rocket apparatus.

THE maximum temperature at the Harbour Master's office during the last week was 87.0, and the minimum 72.0; at the Peak the maximum was 77.0, and the minimum 64.0. There was no rainfall.

In the Supreme Court to-day, the case of the *Rosina* again engaged the attention of the Court. The Hon. G. Phillippe had concluded his argument and Mr. Kingsmill summed up the points of his address. The case was further adjourned till Thursday next at 10.30 a.m., when the Captain of the *Rosina* will be called.

We note, among the naval news by the mail, the promotion of Nav. Lieut. Jesse Dixon (H.M.S. *Victor Emanuel*) to the rank of Staff-commander, with seniority of March 30th last. Surgeons Alex. McDonald, M.D., and Peter Burgess, M.B., formerly stationed here, have been promoted to the rank of Staff-surgeon, with seniority of April 14th.

THE Band of the 28th Regiment will perform the following programme to-morrow evening at 8.30 p.m.:—

Grand March,...*Heroique*,...Schubert. Overture,...*Les Deux Tournées*,...Champlain. Selection,...*Belaire*,...Donizetti. Suite,...*Chants du Ciel*,...Strauss. Selection,...*Maunille*,...Auter. Vocal (gallop),...Queen Victoria,...Hecker.

OUR London correspondent stated, in his letter which appeared lately, "The Chartered Bank has done admirably;" and the statement may be verified by a perusal of the report of the meeting which we give elsewhere. It is satisfactory to note that prudence has so tenaciously waited upon success, and that not only has the reserve fund and depreciation been born in mind, but a superannuation fund has also been commenced, to provide for the Bank's staff in their old age.

THE two new gunboats for the Chinese Government, the *Gamma* and *Delta*, arrived here to-day. They are commanded, the first by Com. W. M. Lang, R.N., and the other by Com. Lawrence Ching, R.N. The other officers are Lieuts. R. F. Yonge, and R. H. Powell, R.N., in the *Gamma*, and Lieuts. Hopkins and G. Heat, in the *Delta*. These boats have made a very creditable passage, having left Plymouth on the 28th February, calling at Gibraltar, Malta, Pore Said, Suez, Aden, Galla, and Singapore.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

June 3, *Christian*, German three-masted schooner, from Whampoa.

June 3, *Helena*, German barque, 872, T. A. Volgaardsen, Saigon May 23, Rice.

June 3, *W. Cores de Vries*, British barque, 872, T. A. Volgaardsen, Saigon May 23, Rice.

June 3, *Aline*, British barque, 300, A. E. Gilbert, Keelung May 29, Coal.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Hongkong, June 4, 1877.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG,
VIA PORTS OF CALL

SUPPLEMENT

TO THE

CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, 4th JUNE, 1877.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *a*, near the Kowloon shore *b*, and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *c*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.

1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Captain.	Flag and Fig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Cyphrenes	4 <i>c</i>	Wood	Brit. str.	1279	May 24	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Saigon	To-day
Danube	... <i>c</i>	Clanchy	Brit. str.	561	May 21	Yuen Fat Hong	Bangkok	Sands' Slip
Douglas	5 <i>b</i>	Pitman	Brit. str.	861	June 1	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports	To-morrow
Duna	3 <i>b</i>	Steele	Brit. str.	852	May 23	Gilman & Co.		
Emuy	3 <i>c</i>	Blanco	Span. str.	June 3	Remedios & Co.		
Feronia	4 <i>c</i>	Sofultz	Ger. str.	1085	May 29	Wm. Pustau & Co.	Swatow	To-day
Gally of Lorne	4 <i>b</i>	MacDonald	Brit. str.	1389	May 29	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Glaucus	5 <i>c</i>	Jackson	Brit. str.	1647	June 4	Butterfield & Swire	London, &c.	To-day
Gordon Castle	5 <i>b</i>	Jones	Brit. str.	1312	June 1	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Macgregor	3 <i>c</i>	Newell	Brit. str.	2465	June 1	Gilman & Co.		
Mecca	3 <i>b</i>	Johnson	Brit. str.	687	June 1	Hop Kee & Co.	Salon	at daylight
Ningpo	6 <i>c</i>	Cass	Brit. str.	761	June 2	Siemssen & Co.		
Norma	... <i>b</i>	Walker	Brit. str.	606	May 27	Kwok Acheong	Swatow	Cos'tan Dock
Ocean	... <i>c</i>	Jaques	Brit. str.	971	May 19	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	K'loong Dock	
Penedo	5 <i>c</i>	Cain	Brit. str.	652	June 3	Siemssen & Co.	Kiungchow	To-morrow
Teheran	2 <i>b</i>	Johnson	Brit. str.	1671	June 2	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Thales	... <i>c</i>	Colas	Brit. str.	840	May 29	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
W. Cores de Vries	2 <i>b</i>	Werner	Brit. str.	334	June 4	Hok Moh Loong		
Yottung	2 <i>b</i>	Hawkins	Brit. str.	324	June 4	Kwok Acheong		Repairing
Sailing Vessels								
A. E. Vidal	3 <i>b</i>	Schreiber	Ger. bqe.	420	May 29	Wieler & Co.		
Adela	4 <i>c</i>	Beattie	Brit. bqe.	364	May 8	Edward Schellhass & Co.		
Aline	8 <i>c</i>	Guilbert	Brit. str.	300	June 3	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Augusto	4 <i>b</i>	Thomson	Brit. 3m.s.	210	May 17	Moyer & Co.		
Barbara Taylor	4 <i>b</i>	Taylor	Brit. sch.	252	June 2	Chinese		
Bertha	4 <i>c</i>	Klinge	Ger. bqe.	442	May 31	Wieler & Co.		
Canaan	8 <i>c</i>	Manson	Brit. ab.	844	May 21	Order		
Capolla	... <i>a</i>	Anderssen	Swed. bqe.	307	May 25	Order		
Carols	8 <i>b</i>	Carri	Brit. bqe.	916	May 10	Russell & Co.	Newchwang	
Caura	4 <i>b</i>	Thleimen	Ger. bqe.	639	May 21	Wm. Pustau & Co.	Manila	
Chamron Kamrye	2 <i>b</i>	Möller	Span. bqe.	430	May 25	Kin-tye-loong		
Cheng Soon	2 <i>b</i>	Cheng Sang	Span. sch.	200	April 30	Chinese		
Chinaman	7 <i>b</i>	McKenzie	Brit. bqe.	690	May 21	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Tientsin	
Christian	3 <i>b</i>	Stein	Ger. 3m.s.	282	June 3	Edward Schellhass & Co.		
Dauphine	8 <i>b</i>	Lelionnais	Fch. bqe.	327	May 28	Order		
Fifeshire	2 <i>c</i>	Ness	Brit. ab.	750	May 24	Order		
Fleetwing	3 <i>c</i>	Guest	Amer. bqe.	829	May 7	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
Formosa	8 <i>c</i>	Hyland	Brit. bqe.	915	May 29	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Newchwang	
Formosa	3 <i>b</i>	Schweer	Ger. bqe.	282	May 25	Melchers & Co.	Foochow	
Gaston Auger	7 <i>c</i>	Gaillard	Fch. bqe.	301	May 22	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Yokohama	
Glamia	7 <i>c</i>	Key	Brit. bqe.	1150	May 21	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Gryfe	8 <i>c</i>	Robert	Brit. ab.	1068	May 29	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
Harriet N. Carlton	... <i>c</i>	Harkness	Amer. bqe.	872	May 29	Russell & Co.	Honolulu	Cos'tan Dock
Hannah & Mary	8 <i>c</i>	Smith	Brit. bqe.	366	May 8	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	London	
Hannah Law	... <i>c</i>	Greig	Brit. ab.	1299	April 23	P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Helena	3 <i>c</i>	Snow	Amer. bqe.	603	May 4	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Melbourne & Sydney	K'loong Dock
Helena	5 <i>b</i>	Volgaardsen	Ger. bqe.	372	June 3	Wieler & Co.		
Hieronymus	4 <i>b</i>	Biehl	Ger. bqe.	426	May 24	Wieler & Co.		
Highlander	6 <i>b</i>	Hutchinson	Amer. ab.	1362	May 13	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
Hongkong	3 <i>b</i>	Oom	Ger. 3m.s.	208	May 20	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Foochow	
Hope	7 <i>b</i>	Boulton	Brit. bqe.	454	May 27	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
Hydra	4 <i>c</i>	Dest	Ger. bqe.	785	May 27	Siemssen & Co.	Callao	
Irasu	4 <i>b</i>	Pearce	Brit. bqe.	327	May 25	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
Iris	4 <i>b</i>	Rüter	Ger. bqe.	506	May 18	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Jacatra	8 <i>b</i>	Dirksen	Dut. bqe.	337	May 28	Russell & Co.		
Japan	3 <i>b</i>	Walter	Ger. 3m.s.	270	May 24	Siemssen & Co.		
Leicester	3 <i>c</i>	Caddy	Brit. ab.	1809	May 24	Order		
Livingstone	3 <i>b</i>	Maaek	Ger. bqe.	530	May 23	Siemssen & Co.		
Loiterer	8 <i>b</i>	Youngson	Amer. sch.	45	Aug. 13	Insurance Cos.		
Lydia	3 <i>c</i>	Sawyer	Brit. bqe.	376	May 19	Order		
Madura	3 <i>c</i>	Stanton	Brit. ab.	970	May 11	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco	
Michelle Selchan	4 <i>c</i>	Gerstenberg	Brit. bqe.	447	May 24	Order		
New Era	3 <i>c</i>	Laidman	Brit. bqe.	375	May 17	Rozario & Co.	Touron	
Novelty	4 <i>c</i>	Colliver	Brit. bqe.	384	May 24	Master	New York	
Presto	4 <i>c</i>	Laidman	Brit. bqe.	462	June 3	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Rhoda	4 <i>b</i>	Vincent	Brit. bqe.	252	May 24	Chinese		
Roderick Hay	4 <i>b</i>	Nicolson	Brit. bqe.	290	June 3	Chinese		
Rosa Bottcher	3 <i>b</i>	Schultze	Ger. bqe.	388	May 21	Wm. Pustau & Co.	Rajang (Borneo)	
Rosina	3 <i>b</i>	Hansen	Am. 3m.s.	406	Feb. 28	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Rotterdam	3 <i>b</i>	Dit	Brit. bqe.	760	May 29	Melchers & Co.		
San Lorenzo	4 <i>c</i>	Madareaga	Span. bg.	220	May 23	Remedios & Co.		
Sourabaya Packet	3 <i>c</i>	Verdunn	Dut. bqe.	462	June 3	Order		
Strachan	8 <i>c</i>	Millar	Brit. ab.	1159	May 18	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
Thomas Lord	3 <i>c</i>	Hall	Amer. ab.	1316	April 12	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
Tullochgorum	... <i>c</i>	Mason	Brit. 3m.s.	175	April 20	Wieler & Co.	Haiphong	
Vesta	3 <i>b</i>	Dirke	Ger. bqe.	302	June 1	Melchers & Co.	Tientsin	
Western Chief	8 <i>b</i>	Hewer	Brit. ab.	750	May 26	Meyer & Co.		
WHAMPOA								
Victory	Whiting		Brit. bg.	255	June 2	Chinese	Tientsin	
CANTON	Smith		Brit. str.	749	May 9	P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Bombay	Orr		Brit. str.	798	June 4	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	

Men-of-war in Hongkong Harbour.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Flag.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	H. P.	Date of Arrival.	Commander.
Ashueloc	5 <i>c</i>	American	corvette	1037	6	700	May 18	Geo. H. Perkins
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leaving the latter place on the 27th May. In addition to the 38 ton gun, they carry 2 Gatling guns, designed by Mr Rendel of Sir W. Armstrong & Co.'s firm. The vessels have experienced fine weather throughout the passage, but their officers are of opinion that they are exceedingly good sea boats and are very buoyant when running head to sea.

The following notice to mariners, being an extract from the report of Captain J. MacDonald of the British steamship *Galleys of Lorne*, is published in the *Government Gazette*:—“After having passed North Bay Point and steering round Cape Melville (Chari), Australia, East Coast, sheet XVIII., my vessel touched on a mud bank not marked on the chart. Position: Cape Melville N.W. by W. & W. Westerly 4 miles. North Bay Point S.E. 3½ miles. The tide ebbing rapidly, the vessel remained on the bank, the lowest water being 13 feet 6 inches. Four hours after grounding the vessel floated, not having received any damage. Inshore of the bank the depth of water was from 18 to 20 feet.”

We learn that a private telegram has been received in town, the correctness of which may be relied on, to the effect that the steamer *Loudoun Castle* had arrived first at Singapore. When the Castle reached that port is not stated, but she left it at 11 p.m. on Saturday, the 2nd; while the *Gleneagles* followed her in the race six hours afterwards, viz., leaving Singapore for London at 5 a.m. yesterday (the 3rd). Both vessels have therefore made the run from Woosung to Singapore in about eight days. They are reported to have passed Woosung at 4.30 p.m. on 26th May; and if we presume, as we may fairly do, that the *Loudoun Castle* reached Singapore about the same hour on Saturday afternoon—closely followed evidently by her rival, the *Gleneagles*—both vessels must have averaged a speed of 12 knots, against the monsoon. The race will clearly be a very close contest, judging from the distance already accomplished and the relative performance of each favourite.

In the second piece “Turn him out” the actors were more at home. Mr Macintosh Moke (Mr J. Dade), a gentleman, has gone to Scarborough, leaving his wife Julia (Miss Amelia H. Cunningham) at his suburban residence in the care of Susan (Miss Mary Jane Smith) a maid of all work. Mr Eglantine Roseleaf (Mr S. Comben) takes advantage of the husband's absence to pay his addresses to the lovely Julia, who is indignant at his audacity. Nothing daunted by her coldness he follows her to her residence, gaining admittance through the window. Nicodemus Nobbs (Mr E. S. Reynolds) an itinerant vendor of toys, is called in at this juncture and promised ten shillings if he will turn the combox out, but as he had never seen the individual he mistakes Mr Moke for him, and bundles poor Moke out of his own house in good style. Everything, of course, as it invariably does, comes right at last. Mr Reynolds is a good low comedian, and did not fail to avail himself of the opportunity here afforded him to display his abilities, keeping the audience in continuous good humour. Mary Jane Smith as Susan both acted and looked the part, but a little more attention to her ‘get up’ would have made a vast improvement. The character of Julia was not so well rendered—in fact, she appeared continually conscious that she was before an audience. We trust she will not be offended with us for our friendly hint—diffidence is a fault easily remedied. A little more attention to dress on the part of Misses Roseleaf and Moke would not be amiss. The piece was really exceedingly well played as a whole, and the curtain fell amidst renewed and well-deserved applause. There will be a repetition of the performance, we believe, this evening.

Police Intelligence. (Both Magistrates Sitting.)

June 4, 1877.

BOARDING-HOUSE RUNNERS.

Chun Tin Kiat and eleven others were again brought up for causing an obstruction to the steamer *Diamond* as she came into the harbour last Friday. The evidence in this case was similar to that in the previous one, viz., that there was an obstruction caused by some one, but by whom the Constable could not say because of the rush.

Mr Ng Choy also appeared in this case for the 1st, 4th and 6th defendants. His cross-examination and argument were pretty much the same as in the last case.

The Magistrate discharged all the defendants, except the 4th, a boatman, and called upon him to give security in \$25 for one month to be of good behaviour.

He could not identify the defendants, but he saw a number of men going up and down the steamer by means of boat-hooks. By Mr Ng Choy:—There were 4 or 5 or 6 boats alongside. There were others which were not alongside. The boatmen were not charged, but I was not responsible for that.

Mr Ng Choy said they might have been the real culprits.

Continued:—I could not identify the defendants as being the men who had gone up and down the steamer.

At this stage Mr Ng Choy asked that his clients be discharged, as there was no evidence that they took part in the obstruction.

The evidence was simply that there was an obstruction, but by whom it was committed there was no proof. It was the boatmen who ought to have been the party held responsible, and not the defendants. They were primarily the offenders if there was any obstruction at all. The evidence was by no means satisfactory. There was no doubt a great deal of confusion, and a general rush, but in order to convict the defendants, his Worship must be sure that they were the men who committed the offence. For aught they knew, his clients might have been passengers in a boat crossing the harbour at the time. He concluded his argument by remarking that it was the boatmen who caused the obstruction and not the defendants who were mere passengers in the boats.

Mr Russell in giving judgment said the evidence was inadequate, none of the defendants could be identified. He had no moral doubt that the defendants were the persons who caused the obstruction, but legally there was no proof.

He quite appreciated Mr Ng Choy's argument that the boatmen should have been first charged, and if the Police had them brought up, his Worship might have found out something more. He then remarked on the inconvenience caused to the navigation of steamers by such nuisances, and said that taking all circumstances into consideration, he would discharge them but would order them to give security in \$25 each to be of good behaviour for one month.

MORE OBSTRUCTION.

Chun Tin Kiat and six others were again brought up for causing an obstruction to the steamer *Diamond* as she came into the harbour last Friday. The evidence in this case was similar to that in the previous one, viz., that there was an obstruction caused by some one, but by whom the Constable could not say because of the rush.

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TEA MORE OBSTRUCTIONS.

Sung Aning and three others were charged with having boarded the steamer *Diamond* as she came in and before the arrival of the Health Officer.

The defendants were undefended, and the evidence went to show that the 1st defendant was an adept at this sort of thing and had been frequently warned. The 1st defendant said he thought the steamer had anchored, and that he could go alongside.

The 2nd and 3rd said they were passengers. The 4th admitted that he did go on board, but he was taken thereto by the 1st. Fined, the 1st defendant \$6, the 2nd and 3rd \$1 each, and the 4th \$2.

A PICK-POCKET.

Chun Atsoi, a hawker, was charged with picking the pocket of one Lai Ahing at Poolekwan at a theatrical performance there. Three months' hard labour.

A JUVENILE OFFENDER.

Man Ato, a boy 16 years of age, was charged with stealing several bird's skins which were set out to dry at West Point. Seven days' imprisonment and to be whipped ten strokes on the breech.

“MAI TAU-FU.”

Ching Achee, a hawker, was charged with calling out his wares for sale within the prohibited district. He was hawking banchard and calling out “mai tau-fu.” Fined 25 cents.

TRAFFIC IN WOMEN.

Wong Aitai, a married woman, charged with attempting to force two young girls to become prostitutes, was again brought up. The defendant elected to be dealt with by the two Magistrates, and was sent to three months' hard labour for each offence, viz., six months in all.

AN INVETERATE THIEF.

Woo A Lai, a coolie, was charged by Tsui Wa, for stealing a drawer from a chest of drawers. The defendant was identified to the police. He was therefore committed for trial.

THE MACAO BURGLARY.

Chun Ase, a man, was a short time ago charged with committing a burglary and abduction at Macao, was again brought up for being a suspicious character. The defendant was charged a few months ago with committing these daring crimes in an outlying village in Macao, and although the prosecutor was got to attend the trial here, he was afraid to give evidence for fear of defendant's comrades in Macao. Under the circumstances the Magistrates had no alternative but to recommend the defendant's deportation. He was accordingly deported, but he came to the Colony again and was re-arrested with a large number of pawn-tickets in his possession; they represent property to a very large amount, and a communication had been sent both to the Macao and Canton Authorities to see if any claimants would come forward. Meantime the case was remanded till the 11th.

THE MAGISTRATE'S REPLY.

Witness: Because they were obstructing the steamer. There were 30 or 40 boats abut the ship, and there was a general confusion when they saw the Police boats coming. I saw a number of men go up and come down from the steamer. I cannot swear that the four defendants referred to were ever out of their boats or out.

THE MAGISTRATE'S REPLY.

The Magistrate: Why did you arrest them?

Witness: Because they were obstructing the steamer.

The Magistrate: There are a number of men go up and come down from the steamer. I cannot swear that the four defendants referred to were ever out of their boats or out.

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Agents.

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